

Message Text

PAGE 01 USUN N 03870 120636Z

21 11
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DRC-01 AF-10 ARA-16 EA-11 EUR-25 NEA-10

RSC-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-10 PA-03 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-15 ACDA-19 SSO-00

NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 /163 W
----- 083132

O R 120410Z OCT 73 ZFF-4
FM USMISSION USUN NY
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 129
INFO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
AMEMBASSY MANILA
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE
AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
USLO PEKING

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 3870

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR UN CB
SUBJ: KHMER REPRESENTATION: POSSIBLE INSCRIPTION

REF: STATE 202318

SUMMARY: ASIANS MET OCT 11 TO CONTINUE PLANNING TACTICS AGAINST
SIHANOUK ITEM IN BOTH GENERAL COMMITTEE AND PLENARY. SOVIET
INSTRUCTIONS STILL UNCLEAR. GENERAL COMMITTEE AND PLENARY
VOTES FOR INSCRIPTION, HOWEVER, APPEAR LIKELY, THE AMB , WHO
HEADING FRIENDLY ASIANS, APPEALED TO US EVENING OCT 11 FOR
IMMEDIATE DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO VOTE AGAINST INSCRIPTION.
UNEQUIVOCAL US OPPOSITION, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE HELPFUL EFFECT ON
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USUN N 03870 120636Z

VOTING ON SUBSTANCE WHILE FAILURE TO MAKE CLEAR OPPOSITION RIGHT
AWAY WOULD HAVE SERIOUSLY HARMFUL EFFECT. HE SAID OUR NEGATIVE
VOTE ON INSCRIPTION WOULD INFLUENCE WAVERING GC MEMBERS,
WOULD HELP SOLIDIFY ASIANS ON ISSUE AND WOULD ENHANCE ASIANS

ABILITY TO LOBBY FOR VOTES IN PLENARY AGAINST INSCRIPTION
WE WILL TALK FURTHER WITH ASIANS MORNING OCT 12. END
SUMMARY.

1. FIVE ASEAN DELS PLUS AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN
AND NEPAL MET AFTERNOON OCT 11 UNDER THAI CHAIRMANSHIP TO
DISCUSS TACTICS. PURSUANT TO ASIANS' REQUEST, JAPANESE
BRIEFED US EARLY EVENING.

2. ASIANS ARE PLANNING RO POSSIBLE GENERAL COMITE DISCUSSION
OOF KHMER AFTERNOON OCT 12. UNCERTAINTY ABOUT SOV POSITION
CONTINUES TO MUDDY PREDICTION ON GENERAL COMITE VOTE.
HOWEVER, TOKYO HAS INSTRUCTED JAPANESE DEL (INSTRUCTION
ISSUED SINCE PRESS REPORTS OF SOV ACTION) TO VOTE IN PLENARY
AGAINST INSCRIPTION IF ASEAN COUNTRIES PLUS AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND VOTE AGAINST. JAPANESE TOLD US THAT THAILAND,
MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA DEFINITELY WILL VOTE NO ON INSCRIPTION
IN PLENARY; PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE HAVE SOUGHT INSTRUCTIONS
TO VOTE NO, ARE MOST LIKELY TO DO SO BUT ARE NOT YET CERTAIN.
NEPAL ALSO SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS.

3. ASIANS HAVE PREPARED TALKING PAPER ON BASIS OF WHICH THEY
APPROACHING ALL GENERAL COMITE MEMBERS ;

QUOTE

SINCE THE KHMER PROBLEM IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO
THE COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, IT IS STRONGLY FELT THAT THE VIEWS
OF COUNTRIES SITUATED (THERE) SHOULD BE TAKEN INT
FULL CONSIDERATION, AND THESE VIEWS ARE;

1. THE KHMER PEOPLE THEMSELVES SHOULD BE ALLOWED
TO SOLVE THEIR OWN POLITICAL PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY,
FREE FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN WHATEVER FORM.

2. SUCH POLITICAL SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED BY
THE INDIGENOUS PARTIES CONCERNED.

3. THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION
WHICH MAY PREJUDGE THE DECISION OF THE KHMER
PEOPLE THEMSELVES AND WHICH MAY PROLONG THE
TRAGIC SUFFERING AND THE LOSS OF LIVES AND
PROPERTY IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC. UNQUOTE

4. ASIANS ARE CONTEMPLATING POSSIBILITY OF SUBMITTING DRAFT RES
INCORPORTING TALKING PAPER POINTS, BUT ARE PRESENT THEY PLAN
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 USUN N 03870 120636Z

TO CIRCULATE PAPER, BEFORE PELNARY VOTE, WITH ASIAN SIGNATURES.

5. TENTATIVELY, ASIANS, INCLUDING INDONESIA, HAVE AGREED
THAT INDONESIA WILL REPRESENT ASIANS IN PLENARY DEBATE ON
INSCRIPTION ALONG WITH ONE AFRICAN AND ONE LATIN AMERICAN.
(THREE SPEAKERS FROM EACH SIDE PERMITTED TO SPEAK IN PLENARY.)
ASIANS AS YET HAVE NO FIRM ESTIMATE FOR GENERAL COMITE
VOTE ON INCRPTION OR FOR PLENARY VOTE ON INCRPTION.
HOWEVER, THEY ESTIMATE ROUGHLY TEN VOTE
MAJORITY IN PLENARY FOR INSCRIPTION, UN EVENT SOVS AND
SATELLITES SUPPORT INSCRIPTION. IN GENERAL COMITE, IN
EVENT USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY
ABSTAIN, ASIANS ESTIMATE PROBABLE MAJORITY FOR INSCRIPTION, PERHAPS
WITH VERY SMALL MARGIN.

6. FIJI, ACCORDING TO BOTH JAPANESE AND THAI AMB ANAND, PROBABLY WILL VOTE AGAINST INSCRIPTION, BUT FIJI, ACCORDING TO BOTH, HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY RELUCTANT TO INDICATE HOW IT WILL VOTE FOR FEAR OF ENCOURAGING PRESSURE FROM SIHANOUK'S SUPPORTERS AND BECAUSE AMB SIKIVOU IS UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW US WILL VOTE.

7. AT KHMER RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR BILATERAL WITH JAPANESE, AMB ANAND TOLD US THAT HE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN IF WE VOTE AGAINST INSCRIPTION FIJI WILL DO SO ALSO.

8. ANAND MADE VERY STRONG PITCH TO AMB BENNETT AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO MISOFF THAT US WAVERING REGARDING INSCRIPTION VOTE THREATENS SERIOUS EFFECT ON OUTCOME OF KHMER ISSUE. HE SAID THAT IMMEDIATE USG COMMITMENT TO VOTE AGAINST INSCRIPTION WOULD NOT ONLY FIRM UP FIJI AND GC MEMBERS THAT MIGHT VOTE AGAINST BUT WOULD REASSURE NON-GC MEMBERS WHO WOULD WISH, IF WE MAKE CLEAR OUR FIRM OPPOSITION, TO VOTE IN PLENARY AGAINST INSCRIPTION.

ANAND REPEATEDLY URGED US TO DECLARE INTENTION TO VOTE NEGATIVELY IN BOTH GA AND PLENARY. HE SAID THAT EARLY DECLARATION OF US INTENTION TO VOTE NEGATIVELY WOULD HELP INSURE LAST TWO ASEAN (SINGAPORE AND PHILIPPINES) NEGATIVE VOTES; WOULD INSURE UNITED STRONG ASIAN POSITION, AND WOULD PERMIT ASIANS TO LOBBY EFFECTIVELY FOR MAXIMUM PLENARY VOTE AGAINST INSCRIPTION.

9. AFTER FOREGOING TYPED, JAPANESE MINISTER OHTAKA APPROACHED US TO URGE NEGATIVE VOTE IN GC. HE ARGUED FIJI VOTE IN GC, IF MOST OTHER ASIANS OPPOSE INSCRIPTION IN PLENARY, SHOULD NOT ESPECIALLY CONCERN US, SINCE FIJI IS COMPARATIVELY NEW ASIAN UN MEMBER WITH SPECIAL STATUS OF ITS OWN.

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 USUN N 03870 120636Z

10. OHTAKA ALSO TOLD US THAT SOV MISSION ASIAN SPECIALIST STROK, WHEN OHTAKA ASKED HIM LATE IN DAY WHAT SOVS PLANNED REGARDING KHMER QUESTION, HAD REPLIED MERELY THAT OHTAKA WOULD FIND OUT OCT 12. STROK WOULD NOT ELABORATE.

11. WE WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSION WITH ASIANS MORNING OCT 12.

SCALI

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 02 APR 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: thigpegh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973USUNN03870
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: USUN NY
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731064/abqcedbl.tel
Line Count: 150
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 202318
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: thigpegh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28-Aug-2001 by boyleja>; APPROVED <30-Nov-2001 by thigpegh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KHMER REPRESENTATION: POSSIBLE INSCRIPTION
TAGS: PFOR UN CB
To: STATE INFO PHNON PENH
BANGKOK
CANBERRA
KUALA LUMPUR
MANILA
SINGAPORE
WELLINGTON

AMEBASSY TOKYO
AMEMBSSY JAKARTA
HONG KONG
PEKING

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005